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Honorable Edmund Muskie
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Following up on our correspondence on the Raoul Wallenberg case (our letter to you dated July 25 and Mr. Cutler's reply of August 11), we are most interested in exploring every opportunity to keep the case open. We believe that to do so, it would be worthwhile to focus on the whereabouts of Jan Kaplan, the person last known to have spent time with Wallenberg in prison.

Persons informed of the details of the Wallenberg case believe that Kaplan is still in prison in the Soviet Union. Initially imprisoned in 1975, upon being released 18 months later, he told his daughter, a doctor in Israel, of meeting a Swede who had been in Soviet prisons for 30 years. Later he wrote a long letter about Wallenberg, referring to him by name. His efforts to get the letter out of the Soviet Union caused him to be reimprisoned.

The only reason for Kaplan's reimprisonment, according to those most aware of the Wallenberg case, was his attempt to convey to the West his information regarding Wallenberg. These same people believe that Kaplan is alive in prison in the Soviet Union and that to help him is to make progress in resolving the tragedy of Raoul Wallenberg.

Jan Kaplan himself is an ailing, elderly man. We respectfully request that the Department of State undertake to learn the whereabouts and condition of Kaplan. We are eager to have any information you might receive about Kaplan's connection with Wallenberg.

Sincerely,

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